

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 033 as follows:

[024] With specific reference to FIG. 1A, the fork is an inverted-style fork.

Its lower tubes 8 are slidably received within upper tubes 10 mounted to the motorcycle. A guard 12 is provided in front of the lower tubes. The subject invention comprises base assembly 20 and interface ring 22-- either in packaged combination or installed as shown. The same holds true for other variations of the invention.

[033] Returning to FIG. 2, however, it clearly illustrates the manner in which pin 26 42 is preferably fully recessed (see upper pin) when not engaged or advanced. The bias provided by the spring draws the part fully within corresponding recessed area(s) 74. The base recess features 74 accommodating a distal end of the pin 76 42 are also apparent in the views of base pieces in FIGS. 4B and 5B. FIGS. 4A and 4B show views of the designs looking from the front of the fork.

[025] Generally, only one combination of parts forming a restraint device is installed on a single side of the fork. While not necessary, it still may be desired to have redundant latching systems by providing and an identical set of parts at the same height on both fork legs. Alternatively, it may be desired to have restraint device(s) set at different heights on each leg to provide different height latching positions.

[035] To facilitate smooth and consistent action, as well as handle the torsional loads applied to the pin by virtue of holding down a heavily sprung fork, bore 90 should have an adequate length (shown as "L"). This length may range from about 0.25 inches upward.